

Statement

- Not all children have equitable access to quality early learning experiences before entering kindergarten.

Proposals

- Increase child care budget to restore child care subsidy reimbursement rates to purchase 75% of slots available / 8 ★
- Increase the minimum wage to become a living wage / 1 ★
- Provide tax credits for businesses to build and sustain onsite high quality child care programs for employees as an employee benefit.
- Invest funding into quality child care programs for better outcomes for children \$1= \$17 return
 - Ex: Grants to programs, increased subsidy, etc expand Head Start State Supplement
- Increase financial supports to high quality child care programs through YoungStar
- Fund pyramid model program wide implementation/ availability of external coaches to support teachers statewide / 5 ★
 - Increase YoungStar technical consultation hours availability
- Develop and support child care /family child care in rural Wisconsin through financial resources and professional development access. / 5 ★
- Champion positive male role models in the child care field
 - Communication strategy
- Champion parents /communities as teachers - promote adults engaging with the children each day through conversations / 5 ★
 - Example: Public Service Announcements

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There is a high suspension and expulsion rate for early childhood through 12th grade especially for sub-populations

Proposals

- Implement a tax credit model designed to increase wages to ensure the retention of high quality and well-trained, committed teachers / 12 ★
- Advocate/promote legislation for a small increase in alcohol tax to fund professional development and strategies to support social/emotional learning and development + family engagement, collaboration + programs / 3 ★
- Direct DCF, DPI + other departments as appropriate to collect data on expulsion and suspension rates for children in pre-k learning/care environments
- To better understand the issue, enhance public awareness and to measure success of training, strategies through benchmarks / 7 ★
- Direct the DCF, DPI and DHS to develop and execute an awareness campaign on the high rates of suspensions and expulsions in early care and education settings and certain populations.

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Chronic stress without access to supports for Wisconsin's families increases the likelihood of poor early childhood outcomes.

Proposals

- Change tax policies to better support families / 1 ★
- Create tax incentives for businesses to implement family-friendly policies / 7 ★
- Require universal paid family leave / 5 ★
- Direct agencies to coordinate enrollment and implementation of services co-location / 1 ★
- Increase funding for universal (ie. parent education, protective factors) and targeted family supports (Home Visiting) / 8 ★
- Expand health care, including mental health
- Fund public awareness and training of trauma-related care / 1 ★